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BEGIN SUMMARY: TDB XIII PLENARY COMPLETED DEBATE ON ALL MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE AGENDA ITEMS BUT WORK ON CONCLUSIONS STYMIED BY AFRICAN REFUSAL DISCUSS OTHER ISSUES UNTIL COFFEE QUESTION RESOLVED TO THEIR SATISFACTION. SESSION CONTINUED LACK VITALITY OF POST-UNCTAD III BOARDS. DEBATE ON CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES CONFINED PRINCIPALLY TO PROCEDURE. AGREEMENT NEAR ON CONCLUSION TO EXTEND MANDATE OF WORKING GROUP. LEAST DEVELOPED PUSHING FOR SYSTEM OF MORE STRINGENT SURVEILLANCE OF IMPLEMENTATION AND ISLAND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SEEKING SPECIAL STATUS. SECRETARIAT SUBMITTED CONTROVERSIAL SUGGESTIONS DESIGNED TO TRIM WORK OF ADVISORY BODIES OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER BUT GOT NO SUPPORT; DECISION LIKELY BE POSTPONED. END SUMMARY  
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1. WHILE THERE WERE SOME MOMENTS OF HEAT, PLENARY SESSIONS OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD'S THIRTEENTH SESSION HAVE CONTINUED DESULTORY ATMOSPHERE OF FIRST WEEK. SOME ITEMS SEEM ESPECIALLY TO HAVE ATTENTION OF LDC MEMBERS, BUT INTERNAL FRICTIONS WITHIN GROUP OF 77 HAVE SO FAR PREVENTED THEIR MOVING AHEAD ON MAJOR ISSUES. MONETARY REFORM AND TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, TO WHICH UNCTAD SEC GEN PEREZ GUERRERO HAD ATTACHED PRIMARY IMPORTANCE, CONTINUED RECEIVE MUCH LESS ATTENTION THAN ANTICIPATED. ONLY NOTABLE SPEECH ON THIS SUBJECT WAS BRIEF CHILEAN SPEECH NOTING IMPORTANT CECLA DISCUSSIONS ON PREP COM AND CALL FOR FULL PARTICIPATION IN NEGOTIATIONS BY UNCTAD SECRETARIAT.

2. CHARTER.

(A) DEBATE ON REPORT OF WORKING GROUP (WG) CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES (ITEM 5) CONCLUDED AFTER 23 SPEAKERS TOOK FLOOR. FOR MOST PART DISCUSSION WAS NOT SUBSTANTIVE WITH MOST DELS FOCUSING ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR FURTHER MEETINGS OF WG. MANY SPEAKERS APPLAUDED WORK OF WG AND THERE WAS UNANIMOUS VIEW THAT ITS MANDATE SHOULD BE EXTENDED. MOST OF GROUP OF 77 INSISTENT THAT TWO MEETINGS OF 3 WEEKS EACH NEEDED. GROUP B WILLING GO ALONG THIS SUGGESTION. ALTHOUGH JAMAICA (SPEAKING FOR LA COUNTRIES) AND KENYA (SPEAKING FOR AFRICAN COUNTRIES) EXPRESSED FEELING IN PLENARY THAT CHARTER SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN 1974, MOST DELS PRIVATELY DOUBT THIS POSSIBLE, INCLUDING MEXICAN CHAIRMAN OF WG, CASTANEDA. DRAFT RESOLUTION CIRCULATED BY JAMAICA ON PART OF LA GROUP (SEE GENEVA 4572 AND 4573) HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN IN FAVOR OF CONCLUSION BY BOARD PRESIDENT. DRAFT CONCLUSION WHICH HAS BEEN CIRCULATED SIMPLY NOTES WORK OF WG AND ASKS GA TO CONTINUE ITS MANDATE. MOST OF GROUP B SATISFIED WITH THIS APPROACH AND USDEL UNDERSTANDS OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS ALSO SATISFIED, ALTHOUGH AFRICANS HOLDING OUT TO PRESSURE LATINS ON COFFEE QUESTION.

(B) ONLY CONTENTIOUS ITEM RAISED BY ITALY IN PLENARY UNCLASSIFIED

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WHEN IT CALLED FOR GA TO DECIDE LEGAL NATURE OF DOCUMENT. ITALY SAID IN GROUP B WILL HAVE RESERVE POSITION FOR RECORD SINCE ITS PROPOSAL NOT ACCEPTED ON THIS POINT. MOST DELS IN GROUP B PREFER TO AVOID THIS SUBSTANTIVE QUESTION, ALTHOUGH NETHERLANDS IN GROUP B MEETING SUPPORTED IDEA. DRAFT CONCLUSION OF CHAIRMAN OMITTS REFERENCE TO THIS POINT.

(C) PRINCIPAL CONCERN OF MOST GROUP B COUNTRIES IS FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF FUTURE MEETINGS OF WG. SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT

ON FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS SUGGESTS SEVERAL ALTERNATIVES, DEPENDING ON WHETHER TWO OR FOUR MEETINGS OF WG HELD PER DAY AND WHETHER OR NOT SUMMARY RECORDS ARE KEPT. GROUP B OPPOSED SUMMARY RECORDS AND DRAFT CONCLUSION OF PRESIDENT CALLS SIMPLY FOR SUMMARY OF VIEWS OF MEMBERS IN CLOSING PHASE OF EACH OF TWO MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN 1974. GROUP B HAS ALSO PROPOSED AND EXPECTS AGREEMENT WITH GROUP OF 77 AND SECRETARIAT THAT FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THIS SUMMARY WILL NOT EXCEED VERY LIMITED AMOUNT (E.G. IN RANGE OF \$5,000). CONCLUSION DOES NOT DEAL WITH QUESTION OF TWO OR FOUR MEETINGS PER DAY AND IN EFFECT PASSES THIS ISSUE TO GA.

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3. LEAST DEVELOPED, LANDLOCKED AND ISLAND COUNTRIES (AGENDA ITEMS 7 AND 8). ALTHOUGH AGENDA SEPARATED LEAST DEVELOPED AND ISLAND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (ITEM 7) FROM LANDLOCKED (ITEM 8), ALMOST ALL DELEGATES REFERRED TO BOTH ITEMS IN ONE STATEMENT. ETHIOPIA OPENED DEBATE (SPEAKING FOR AFRICAN GROUP BUT WITH DELEGATE'S EVIDENT PERSONAL COMMITMENT) BY FOCUSING ON COMMERCIAL POLICY ASPECTS OF UNCTAD RESOLUTION 62 (III) ON THE LEAST DEVELOPED, AND ON FAILURE OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (HE POINTEDLY INCLUDED COMMUNIST STATES) TO TAKE ANY STEPS

IN THIS REGARD. HE URGED SEVERAL MEASURES TO REVIEW  
IMPLEMENTATION OF (READ: BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON DC'S  
REGARDING) RESOLUTION 62 (III), SOME OF WHICH (NOTABLY  
ESTABLISHMENT OF FACT-FINDING TEAMS TO SURVEY DC ACTION)  
OBJECTIONABLE TO US AND REST OF GROUP B. PHILIPPINES  
(ON BEHALF OF ASIAN GROUP) SUPPORTED ETHIOPIAN PRO-  
POSALS BUT IN FACT FORMULATED THEM. INDIMAFVVZCZ

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